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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF SCANDAL CONTINUE

1. THERE IS STILL A LARGE AMOUNT OF DIRTY LINEN, SOME OF IT PERHAPS REAL BUT MUCH OF IT INVENTED, BEING WASHED BEFORE THE GERMAN PUBLIC IN THE WAKE OF BRANDT'S RESIGNATION: FOR EXAMPLE, DID THE CDU REALLY CONSPIRE WITH THE FRG'S SECURITY POLICE TO FRAME BRANDT, OR, AS FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS TOLD A TELEVISION AUDIENCE, ARE SUCH REPORTS DESIGNED TO COVER A WEHNER-SCHMIDT CONSPIRACY THAT WAS "REALLY" THE CAUSE OF BRANDT'S DOWNFALL? THEN THERE IS THE CASE OF SUSANNE SIEVERS, ALLEGEDLY A FORMER MISTRESS OF BRANDT WHO ALLEGEDLY DEMANDED AND GOT DM 300,000 FOR HER SILENCE; THERE IS TOO THE "FACT" THAT WEHNER, FROM HIS FRIEND, SECURITY CHIEF NOLLAU, "KNEW"

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GUILLAUME WAS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A PIMP FOR THE

CHANCELLOR AND KEPT THE KNOWLEDGE TO HIMSELF UNTIL HE COULD USE IT TO FORCE THE RESIGNATION; AND THERE IS A REMARK BY THE CDU'S WERNER MARX THAT HE HAS BEEN "RELIABLY INFORMED" THAT THE US GOVT IS NO LONGER GIVING THE GERMAN GOVT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. AND SO ON.

2. IT IS NOT AN EDIFYING SPECTACLE, BUT IT DOES SERVE TO KEEP UNSAVORY STORIES ON PAGE ONE AND THUS IS PERHAPS OF SOME UNMEASURABLE POLITICAL PROFIT TO THE OPPOSITION. BUT THE PROFIT IS REDUCED BY THE OBVIOUS EAGERNESS OF THE RIGHT WING OF THE CDU, ABETTED BY THE CSU, TO SQUEEZE EVERY POSSIBLE POLITICAL DROP FROM THE GUILLAUME AFFAIR. THE FACTS AS THEY ARE ARE BAD ENOUGH AND MOST OF THE EFFORTS OF THE CDU/CSU TO MAGNIFY THEM ARE SO CLUMSILY AND PATENTLY PARTISAN THAT THEY ARE PROVING TO BE SELF-DEFEATING.

3. HOWEVER, THE CDU'S CHAIRMAN, HELMUT KOHL, HAS BEEN THE PICTURE OF DIGNITY AND TASTE THROUGH IT ALL AND RESPECT FOR HIM HAS ACCORDINGLY GROWN, PRESUMABLY IN THE MIND OF THE AVERAGE GERMAN BUT CERTAINLY IN THE MINDS OF THE MAJORITY OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE CDU.
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